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For: METHOD FOR FRACTIONAL CRYSTALLISATION OF A METAL

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Sir:

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LISTING OF RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

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REMARKS

The references cited in this IDS are:

US Patents			
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Applicants present these references so that the Patent Office may, in the first instance, determine any relevancy thereof to the presently claimed invention, see Beckman Instruments, Inc. v. Chemtronics, Inc., 439 F.2d 1369, 1380, 165 USPQ 355, 364 (5th Cir. 1970). Also see Patent Office Rule 104. Applicants respectfully request that these references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and made of record herein and appear among the “References Cited” on any patent to issue herefrom.

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